

PLACES TO GO in SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco Giants (April 7-September 28, 2003)

Pacific Bell Park

Information: 415-972-2000

Admission: \$9-\$60

Led by new manager Felipe Alou and slugger Barry Bonds, the defending National League champion San Francisco Giants embark on another Major League Baseball season at beautiful Pacific Bell Park. Most night games begin at 7:15 pm, most afternoon games at 1:05 pm.

- ★ April 7-9 San Diego.
- ★ April 10-13 Los Angeles.
- ★ April 14-16 Houston.

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)

151 Third Street

Information: 415-357-4000, www.sfmoma.org.

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Admission: Adults \$10, \$7 seniors (age 62 and over), \$6 students with ID, age 12 and under free with an adult. First Tu of each month free; Th 6-8:45pm half-price.

SFMOMA is located in a spectacular new building and has recently opened the Koret Visitor Education Center, the only educational facility at an American art museum to offer drop-in public access, as well as a full calendar of programs and activities. The 7,000 square-foot center offers visitors a chance to learn in greater depth about modern art through available resources such as interactive kiosks with multimedia programs on over 30 artists; a learning lounge filled with exhibition catalogues, videos and DVD viewing stations and online information; public programs; a resource desk and much more. It offers the West Coast's most comprehensive collection of 20th-century art, shopping at the Museum Store and dining at Caffé Museo. 11am-6pm, Th until 9pm; closed W and major holidays. Current and upcoming exhibits include:

- ★ Through June 1 "Andreas Gursky." The exhibition presents more than 40 photographs dating from 1984 to the present by Gursky's work including recent photographs never seen before in the U.S.
- ★ Through June 8 "A Passion for Paul Klee: The Djerassi Collection." The largest collection of work by Klee in the western United States and considered among the finest in the world.

- ★ Through June 24 "Treasures of Modern Art: The Legacy of Phyllis Wattis at SFMOMA." This exhibition features more than 80 gifts including works by Warhol, Duchamp and Mondrian that shaped MOMA's collection.
- ★ Through July 27 "2002 SECA Art Award: John Bankston, Andrea Higgins, Chris Johanson, Will Rogan". Administered by one of the Museums's seven auxiliaries, this award honors local artists of exceptional promise whose work has not yet received substantial recognition and their work will be on view at the exhibition.
- ★ Through July 27 "Earthly Bodies: Irving Penn's Nudes, 1949-50". Exhibition features a group of 60 silver and platinum prints focusing on the artist's portrayal of the female nude made over 50 years ago in private studio sittings.
- ★ April 5-August 3 "Reel Sculpture: Film into Art". Exhibition features three works by contemporary filmmakers who explore new ways of experiencing the moving image.

The **Museo ItaloAmericano**

Fort Mason Center Building C. www.museoitaloamericano.org

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This is the only museum in the United States devoted exclusively to Italian and Italian-American art and culture, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2003 with extraordinary works by Italian and Italian American artists. An exhibition of 32 recent landscape paintings by Franco Viola, a 21st century Renaissance man and electronics engineer specializing in scientific research at the Italian Space Agency, is planned for January 16-April 19.

California Palace of The Legion of Honor

Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street

Information: 415-750-3600

Phone 2: 415-863-3330

Admission: Admission is \$8, \$6 seniors 65 and older, \$5 ages 12-17, under age 12 free. Free every Tuesday 9:30am-5pm.

Built to commemorate Californian soldiers who died in World War I, the Legion of Honor is a beautiful Beaux-arts building located in Lincoln Park. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate Bridge and all of San Francisco, the Legion is most noted for its breathtaking setting. Its collections include Rodin's Thinker, which sits in the museum's Court of Honor, European decorative arts and paintings, Ancient art, and one of the largest collections of prints and drawings in the country. Among the many artists represented are El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, Monet and Picasso. The museum also boasts one of the world's leading collections of Rodin sculpture. Multilingual tours available. Organ Recital Series at 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. Open

Tuesday-Sunday 9:30am-5pm. Current exhibitions include:

- ★ Through August 31 "Henry Moore's Sheep Piece." "Exhibition presents the newly acquired sculpture entitled "Working Model for Sheep Piece" along with a related group of Moore's sculptures, prints, drawings and a stunning tapestry.
- ★ Through August 31 "Big Prints: Contemporary American Graphic Art, 1967-2000." Exhibition of 15 prints by various artists celebrates the trend for "big" through the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s and focuses on the large print format that was popular in each decade.
- ★ March 1-May 25, "Frank Lobdell: The Continuity of Creativity" and "The Evolution of Imagery: The Sketchbooks of Frank Lobdell." Concurrent exhibits feature paintings, drawings and prints by this distinguished Bay Area artist along with a selection of sketchbooks from the late 1940s to the present and includes both his abstract and figurative imagery.
- ★ March 8-May 18 "Leonardo da Vinci and the Splendor of Poland." The portrait by Leonardo will be accompanied by 76 outstanding European paintings by masters of the 15th and 16th centuries. These works are drawn from Poland's leading national collections and feature paintings by several famous artists.

Beach Blanket Babylon

Club Fugazi at 678 Green Street

Information: 415-421-4222

Admission: \$25-\$65

Steve Silver's zany musical revue spoofs popular culture, featuring excellent singers sporting enormous hats and stunning costumes. In its 25th year, Wednesday-Thursday 8pm, Friday-Saturday 7pm & 10pm, Sundays 3pm & 7pm. Photo identification required; persons under 21 admitted to the Sunday matinee only. Advance reservations necessary. Ongoing An actor portraying Eminem, the "candy rapper," joins the all star cast dressed as a red M&M in a hilarious scene with the current show theme, "Snow White". The two heat up the stage as the lyrics continue to flow. Snow White continues her fast-paced musical tour around the world in search of a prince in the nation's longest-running, biggest-hit revue. Along the way, she encounters a star-studded, ever-changing line-up of comical characters including Anna Nicole Smith, Oprah Winfrey and Ozzy Osbourne. Ongoing Three recent newsmakers are added to the show which is always up on current events and recent happenings in Hollywood; Celebrity shoplifter, Winona Ryder, sings "my momma told me, you better shop around," as she graces the stage with a trench coat full of valuables; King of pop and "Super Dad," Michael Jackson dangles his baby over a balcony and J. Lo struts around in her Versace Grammy dress, flaunting her romance with a giant "I LOVE BEN" pin.

Best of Broadway

Curran/Golden Gate/Orpheum Theatres

Information: 415-512-7770

The Best of Broadway series presents full-scale Broadway performances. Productions are showcased in three restored theatres. Most shows at 2pm and 8pm. Call for performance schedules.

- ★ March 5-April 27 "The Producers." Orpheum Theatre. Mel Brooks' smash musical production follows the exploits of two Broadway producers whose clever scheme to make a fortune backfires.

Magic Theatre

Building D, Fort Mason Center

Marina Boulevard at Buchanan Street

Information: 415-441-8822

Admission: Performance ticket prices vary, call for information

- ★ April 4-April 27, 2003 "Blue Surge." A comic play about a cop who risks his job, his best friend, his pending marriage to pursue the American dream of giving tours at the local nature preserve.

Yerba Buena Center For The Arts

701 Mission Street

Information: 415-978-2787

Admission: Prices vary by performance and location

This spectacular downtown arts complex presents visual and performing arts by artists who reflect America's many cultural communities. The visual arts building showcases contemporary artists. The complex overlooks a five-acre urban park with terrace cafes, an outdoor stage, and a walk-through waterfall leading to a memorial for Martin Luther King, Jr.

Galleries: Tuesday-Sunday 11 am-6 pm, Thursday to 9 pm. Group tours. \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, students under 16. Upcoming performance schedule includes: April 11-13, "Amor," celebrates the beauty, passion and power of Flamenco with the Bay Area's most celebrated dance company, Yaelisa and Caminos Flamencos.

Noontime Concerts (Year-Round Free Classical Music)

660 California Street

Information: 415-288-3840

- ★ A.P. Giannini Auditorium, 555 California Street, second and fourth Tuesdays.
- ★ St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission Street, Wednesdays. 12:30 pm.

San Francisco Symphony

Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave.

Information: 415-864-6000

Michael Tilson Thomas captivates with appearances by many of the world's best-known conductors and guest soloists. 8 pm unless noted; matinees at 2 pm.

- ★ April 6 Matinee, "Chamber Music Series". Performance includes Bbritten/Sinfonietta, Opus 1, Schoenberg/Verklarte Nacht, Opus 4, Dvorak, Piano Quintet in A major, Opus 81.
- ★ April 6, "Great Performers Series", Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano and Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Berg/Seven Early Songs, Messenger/"Vois-tu, je m'en veux" from Les P'tites Michu, Messenger/"J'ai deux amants" from L'Amour masque, Simons/"C'est ca la vie, c'est ca l'amour" from Toi c'est moi and additional works TBA. 7:30pm.
- ★ April 9, 10 matinee, 11-12, Herbert Blomstedt, conductor. Performance of Mendelssohn/Excerpts from "Midsummer Night's Dream", Opus 21 & 61, Bruckner/Symphony No. 4 in E-flat major, "Romantic".

Exploratorium-Museum of Science, Art and Human Perception

3601 Lyon Street

Information: 415-397-5673, 561-0360 (tape)

Admission: \$10 adults, \$7.50 university students and seniors, \$6 disabled and ages 5-17, under age 4 free. Tactile Dome \$14, includes museum admission and requires reservations.

San Francisco's internationally acclaimed museum of science, art and human perception, features over 650 hands-on exhibits, as well as changing temporary exhibitions. The exhibits and programs help visitors of all ages use their natural curiosity to learn about the world around them. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm, year round. Closed on Mondays with the exception of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

- ★ Through September 1 "Seeing." This permanent collection of 70 exhibits provides shocking proof that we don't all see the same thing and that we can't always believe what we do see.
- ★ Through September 1 "Traits of Life: A New Living Laboratory." Learn about the

building blocks of life - from DNA to cells - and their seemingly limitless potential through this collection of over 35 exhibits.
first adventurer ever to reach the South Pole.

American Conservatory Theater

405 Geary Street

Information: 415-834-3200

Admission: \$11-\$61

San Francisco's Tony Award-winning theater company, ACT, presents seven major plays each season from the classic to the contemporary in its landmark home. Performances at the Geary Theater, call for schedule.

- ★ Through April 27, "The Constant Wife." An acute portrait of the frivolity of upper-class London society in the 1920s where the main preoccupation is with illicit love and strategic games played in the battle of the sexes.

San Francisco Public Library

Skylight Gallery, Main Branch at Civic Center, 6th Floor

Information: 415-557-4400

Admission: Free

Current and upcoming special exhibits at the San Francisco Public Library include:

- ★ Through May 18 "The Hidden World of Caves." This exhibition presents a selection of photographs, in color and black and white, of the spectacular caves in the Guadeloupe Mountains of New Mexico and West Texas.
- ★ April 1-May 25 "Schmulowitz Collection of Wit and Humor Annual Exhibition." The Book Arts & Special Collections Center organizes an annual themed selection of books and periodicals drawn exclusively from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit and Humor.
- ★ Through May 31 "Recreation's Golden Age: Women, The Arts, and Storytelling, 1935-1950." In honor of Women's History Month, a display of rare puppets, dolls, story bibliographies, paintings, photographs and costumes from San Francisco's visionary recreation program created and headed by Josephine Dows Randall, the first Superintendent of Recreation.

Photo Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery

901 Market Street, 2nd Floor

Information: 415-392-2470

Admission: Free

The Lurie Company presents "Photochrome Camera Club", a photographic experience.

The Mexican Museum

Fort Mason Center, Building D

The Mexican Museum contains one of the largest and broadest collections of Mexican and Latino art in the U.S. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday 11am-5pm. Docent tours available everyday.

- ★ Through May 30 "Objects of Devotion, Colonial and Popular Religious Art in Latin America." As part of the Museum's permanent collection, this exhibit explores the representations of Virgins, Saints, Biblical scenes and miracles as presented in the most popular retablos, ex-votos and religious sculptures. Also shown for the first time are important new acquisitions from the Rex May collection.

El Vez at Teatro Zinzanni

Pier 27/29 at The Embarcadero

Information: 415-438-2668, Group Sales 415-438-2669 ext. 204

Admission: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday \$99, Friday and Saturday \$125

A full evening of entertainment and dining, Teatro ZinZanni combines some of the world's most renowned cirque artists, contortionists, aerial artists, jugglers and illusionists with live music from a five-piece band and a gourmet five-course meal. Guests quickly discover that the entertainment is not confined to the stage as European clown characters engage and entertain the entire room. Headlining through the end of April is El Vez, the Mexican Elvis, who will bring a new Latin touch to the show with high energy and rock rhythms. Regularly weekly show is Wednesday-Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm.

Oakland Museum of California

1000 Oak Street at 10th Street

Oakland

Information: 510-238-2200

Admission: \$6 adults, \$4 students with ID and seniors, free age 5 and under. Free second Sunday of each month.

This architectural gem by Kevin Roche houses major collections of California environment, history and art. Exhibitions focus on California art, ecology and culture. Public offerings include

festivals, family programs, tours, symposia and lectures. W-Sa 10am-5pm, first F until 9pm, Su 12-5pm. First Friday each month until 9pm. Closed M-Tu.

- ★ March 8-June 15, "The Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed Through Illustration." Juried group show of biological and botanical artworks in various media.
- ★ March 15-September 21, "Iconic to Ironic: Fashioning California Identity." Exhibition examines the diversity and ubiquity of California chic, from down home to high fashion. Displays include Marilyn Monroe's white dress from "The Seven Year Itch" and Esther Williams' bathing suit from "Million Dollar Mermaid."
- ★ Through April 27, "State of Emergency: Disaster Response in California." The exhibition begins with a survey of California disasters since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire and then chronicles, in 45 dramatic color photographs, the past decade of disaster in California.
- ★ Through June 22, "The Photography of Rondal Partridge." Approximately 100 photographs by California photographer Rondal Partridge, plus photo cubes, collages, mixed media works and a reconstruction of his darkroom.

African American Art & Culture Complex

Buriel Clay Theater at 762 Fulton Street at Webster Street

Information: 415-922-2049 (info), 415-292-1850 (tickets)

Admission: \$15-\$25; \$3 discount for groups of 10 or more, children, students, seniors and Cultural Odyssey members.

Founded in the 1989, the mission and values of the African American Art & Culture Complex are to provide an atmosphere for cross-cultural relationship based on African and African American experience and history. Today, the Complex benefits not only the African American community of San Francisco but the entire San Francisco Bay Area and its many visitors with exhibitions, plays, classes, lectures, and activities. The current schedule includes:

- ★ April 3-12 at 8pm, An exciting double bill of two One Acts: "They Speak Through Us" starring Rhodessa Jones and Idris Ackamoor. Directed by Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe with special guest pianist Rudi Mwongozi; and "The OG and the B-Boy" with Idris Ackamoor and spoken word artist, Kamau (Pitch Black) Abayomi. Directed by Rhodessa Jones.

The California Academy of Sciences

Golden Gate Park

Information: 415-750-7145 (tape)

Admission: \$8.50 adults, \$5.50 ages 12-17 and seniors (age 65 and over), \$2 ages 4-11, age 3 and under free. First Wednesday of the month free, open until 8:45 pm. At 5pm on Free

Wednesday, the Morrison Planetarium offers a free half-hour concert.

The California Academy of Sciences is a non-profit, educational and research institution that includes the Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium and the Natural History Museum, all under one roof in Golden Gate Park. Explore the ocean's sea life, view stars during the day, survey African animals and wild California, ride an earthquake, travel back three billion years in time, or ogle the exhibit, "Sharks of the Tropics." A new permanent exhibit, "Earthquake: Are You Ready for the Big One?," sheds light on the Earth's most fascinating and terrifying natural phenomenon. Open daily 10am-5pm, 9am-6pm Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Current exhibitions include:

- ★ Through December 31, "Skulls." This exhibit shows what the study of human and animal skulls can reveal about behavior, injury, disease, evolutionary adaptation and more.
- ★ Through December 31, "X-Ray Ichthyology." Look at fish in a whole new light with this tool, which can capture forty-six fish from the Academy's ichthyology collection on X-ray film.
- ★ Through December 31, "150 Years of Science." Celebrate the Academy's 150th anniversary by exploring nature's wonders featuring an enormous timeline streaming through the exhibit halls. Visitors walk through the history as they learn how world events and major discoveries have shaped the pursuit of science and the Academy.
- ★ Through December 31, "Village Children." Collection of photographs of children around the world-both urban and rural-that is a tribute to communities which allow people to live and work in a space of human dimensions and shared values.
- ★ Through December 31, "Dennis Anderson Photos." Collection of still photographs that present portraits of life on the San Francisco Bay from sunset scenes to commercial fisherman.
- ★ April 5-6, "Earth Day 2003: Rainforests of the World." See a variety of wildlife that will inspire visitors to celebrate and protect the biodiversity of the world's rainforests. Craft activities, view documentaries and even take a tour of a real rainforest. Free admission all weekend long if you ride a bike to take the bus to the Academy. All Earth Day programs are free after museum admission.

Me, Myself and Infrastructure: Private Lives and Public Works in America (Through April 11, 2003)

The Concourse, One Market Street

Information: 800-548-2723

Admission: Free

Experience the world of civil engineering — your world — from a new perspective through "Me, Myself and Infrastructure: Private Lives and Public Works in America," a critically-acclaimed exhibition celebrating the 150th anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The exhibition takes a close look at public expectations and the everyday experience of infrastructure-the technological networks that define modern life-while considering the role of civil engineers as designers, builders and managers. Named one of the top five exhibits of 2002 by "The Washington Post."

Seymour Pioneer Museum at the Society of California Pioneers (Through May 3, 2003)

300 Fourth Street at Folsom

Information: 415-957-1849

Admission: \$3, students and seniors \$1

The Society of California Pioneers is the state's oldest historical organization and was founded in 1850 by pre-Gold Rush pioneers. The Seymour Pioneer Museum, a non-profit museum operated by the Society of California Pioneers, offers free educational programs to Bay Area schools. Dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enjoyment of California heritage, the Society's archives include an outstanding collection of 19th and early 20th century artwork, artifacts, photographs and manuscripts. The Society also houses the Alice Phelan Sullivan Library and the Moore Gallery, which are open to the public by appointment. Museum open Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm, first and third Saturday of every month 10am-4pm.

- ★ Through May 3, "California: This Golden Land of Promise" features 39 paintings from the 1860s to the 1920s with works that are both naturalistic and utopian in intention and execution.

Bay Area Discovery Museum

557 McReynolds Road at Fort Baker Sausalito

Information: 415-487-4398 (tape), 289-7266 for reservations

Admission: \$7.00 adults and children. Children under 1 and members are free. Some special events are an additional cost. Group rates are available to schools, day care centers and community organizations. Second Saturday of each month is free after 1pm.

The Museum provides important educational services to many Bay Area young children in a creative setting where learning can be fun. It offers creative arts and natural sciences programs along with an elementary after school program which has been supported by some major community organizations. Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday-Sunday 10am-5pm. Closed Mondays. Current events and exhibits include:

- ★ April 12-19 "Castleopolis Gregangelo & Velocity Circus Troupe." Be transported to Madame Oiseux's castle through the magic of theater and circus! Embark on a hilarious

storybook journey through the planets of our solar system to explore the secret castle with Madame Oiseaux.

- ★ Through May 4 "Amazing Castle." Children become inhabitants of a fanciful castle village where they playfully explore ideas related to community life.

San Francisco Sports and Boat Show (April 9-13, 2003)

Cow Palace, Geneva Avenue and Santos Street

Daly City

Information: 415.931.2500

415-404-4111 (tickets)

Admission: \$8, \$3 age 12 and under, \$6 seniors on Wednesday through Friday only

This new 5-day Spring Show will feature a variety of new and exciting attractions and exhibits. Celebrating 60 years of service to the marine, fishing tackle, sporting goods, outdoor and recreational industries, this is the longest running sports event in the west. Nearly 1,000 new boats will fill seven of the eleven halls of the gigantic Cow Palace complex, overflowing to the outdoors. Wednesday-Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am-7pm.

Cherry Blossom Festival (Weekends only from April 12-20, 2003)

Civic Center and Japantown

Information: 415-922-9300

Admission: Free

Two consecutive weekends of performances, crafts, food, martial arts and exhibitions. A colorful parade will be held on April 20th at the Civic Center at 12 noon.

Golden Gate Park Band (FREE -- April 13-October 12, 2003)

Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park

Information: 415-831-5500

Admission: Free

Since 1882, the Golden Gate Park Band has performed regularly in the park. Pack a picnic and enjoy this perennial pleasure. Sundays 1pm-3pm.